

Cpl. Eugene Klier Has Close Call As Germans Blast Tank

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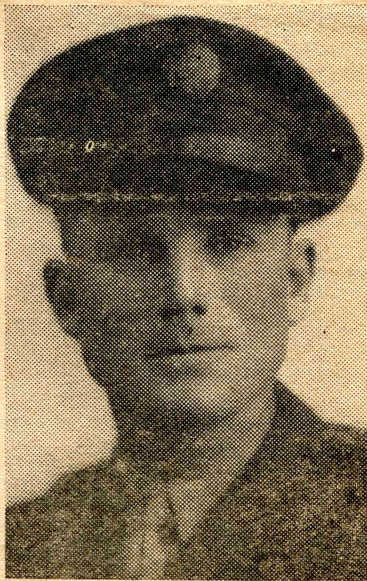
101ST GEN. HOSPITAL, England — Escaping with slight wounds from the flying shrapnel of a shell as his tank rumbled along a highway during an attack on German-held fortifications in the Metz area, Corporal Eugene H. Klier, 34, of 3229 Richmond, Ave., Mattoon, Illinois, is now recovering at this United States Army general hospital in England.

"Corporal Klier will be fully recovered and able to return to duty when he completes his present training in our rehabilitation ward," said First Lieutenant Charles J. Mock of Evanston, Illinois, his ward officer.

"For two hours the tank had slugged forward, jolted by enemy artillery that tore up the ground all around it," said Cpl. Klier.

"Our turret hatch was open, and our commander observed the targets," he recalled. "I was at the gun and kept up a steady stream of fire. The Germans refused to budge from their pillboxes until their position became hopeless. Then they either rushed out to surrender or tried to flee."

An artillery shell burst directly above his tank, Cpl. Klier continued,



CORPORAL EUGENE KLIER

sending streams of metal down the tank turret.

Cpl. Klier has been in the Army 33 months. His wife, Laverne, lives at the Mattoon address. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Klier of Newton, Ill. and was formerly employed by the Fruco Construction Company. One brother, Raymond, is in the Coast Guard, and another brother, Pearl is in the Navy.